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WITHDRAWAL OF FINALITY

During an interview with Examiners Yucel and Guzo on 17 January 2002, applicants requested reconsideration of Finality for the previous action (Paper No. 20). Applicants indicated that the status of claim 2 in the after final submitted 16 August 2001 was ambiguous. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn. The time period for response remains that specified in the last action (Paper No. 20).

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